You'll race to see new French movie telling about ham radio in action

If All The Men...

WE'RE TALKING about producer Christian Jaque's film, "If All The Men In The World," now touring the U. S. His plot revolves around the part that radio amateurs play in saving the lives of twelve sailors.

At sea, two days from the coast of Norway, the crew of the fishing trawler "Lutece" falls prey to a mysterious illness. When the ship's radio equipment fails, the skipper turns in desperation to his ham set.

His distress signal is first picked up by FD8IM in French Togoland, Africa. This amateur summons a local doctor, and from him the captain learns that his crew is suffering from *botulism*—a form of food poisoning, fatal unless checked by a special serum within fifteen hours after attack.

Now the race is on. The serum is available in Paris. FD8IM contacts F8YT, a young Parisian radio mechanic. Through his efforts, the medicine is eventually obtained and placed aboard a Polish airliner headed for Berlin.

A blind amateur in Munich is subsequently instrumental in the progress of the precious package, and at one point an American Air Force sergeant is called upon to enter Red territory at his own risk to retrieve the serum.

With time rapidly running out, we finally find the package aboard a Norwegian Air Force plane bound for the site of the stricken "Lutece." The captain's ham equipment is now responsible for directing the plane to the exact location. At last the ship is approached; the count is given; and the serum is parachuted to the twelve waiting men whose lives it will save.

Aside from being a good movie in any sense, "If All The Men In The World" is of particular interest to the radio ham world. It has been received with great acclaim in Paris, Rome, Berlin and Oslo, and should go a long way here in the U. S. toward pointing out the important part radio amateurs often play in real-life emergencies. —*Bernard Malandain*